

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 9, 2003, and is being submitted in conjunction with a petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment B and allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 11-13, and 15-20 as set forth herein.

The current status of the claims

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, and 11-13 are allowed.

Claims 16-20 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter, but are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim.

Claims 14 and 15 stand rejected as anticipated by Ewing (U.S. 4,791,539).

Claim 16, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been placed into independent form

Claim 16 has been placed into independent form, and claim 15 has been made dependent from claim 16. Claim 14 has been canceled.

As claim 16 was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, it is submitted that claim 16, as well as claims 15 and 17-20 that depend therefrom, are now in condition for allowance. Applicants ask that claims 15-20 be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 11-13, and 15-20 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants ask for allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 11-13, and 15-20 as set forth herein.

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